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Ahn, F: French dialogues; dramatic selections with notes, no. 3. N. Y., E. Steiger, 1879. 4 + 111 p. D. (Steiger's French ser.) cl., 40 c.; bds., 30 c.

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Allen, T. F. Encyclopædia of pure materia medica: record of the positive effects of drugs upon healthy human organism; with contributions from Drs. A. Hughes, C. Hering, C. Dunham, A. Lippe, and others. V. 10. N.Y., Boericke & Tafel, 1879. 658 p. roy. 8°. cl., \$6; shp., \$7; hf. mor., \$7.

Aubigné, J. H. Merle D'. Hist. of the reformation in Europe in the time of Calvin; new ed. N. Y., Rob. Carter & Bros., 1880, [1879]. 8 v. 23 + 433; 18 + 475; 29 + 463; 28 + 491; 28 + 470; 20 + 526; 29 + 576; 20 + 464 p. 1 il. D. cl., reduced to \$8.

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Beale, Anne. Rose Mervyn, of Whitelake: novel. N. Y., Harper, 1879. 61 p. Q. (Franklin sq. lib., no. 76) pap., 15 c.

Love story of Wales and the "Rebecca" or turnpike riots, which occurred just before the breaking out of the rebellion in India, in which scene some of the characters finally take part. By the author of "Fay Arlington," etc.

Beers, W. G. Lacrosse; national game of Canada; new ed. Montreal, Dawson Bros., 1879. 16 + 276 p. S. cl. with photographs, \$1; pap., 50 c.

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Beesly, A. H. The Gracchi, Marius and Sulla. N. Y., C: Scribner's Sons, [1879]. 13 + 217 p. maps, S. (Epochs of ancient history, ed. by Rev. G. W. Cox and C: Sankey) cl., \$1.

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Bell, Alex. Melville. Teaching reading in public schools; essay read before Teachers' Convention of Brant Co., Ontario, May 31, 1879. Salem, Mass., Ja. P. Burbank, 1879. 2 + 17 p. D. pap., 15 c.

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Champlin, J. D., jr. Young folks' cyclopaedia of common things. N. Y., Holt, 1879. 5 + 690 p. il. O. cl., \$3.

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Cody, W. F. Life of Hon. W. F. Cody, known as "Buffalo Bill," the famous hunter, scout, and guide: an autobiography. Hartford, Ct., Frank E. Bliss, 1879. 365 p. 12°. cl., \$2; shp., \$2.50.

Dickens, C. Complete works. 15 v. N. Y., J. W. Lovell, 1879. 12°. cl., \$22.50.

Dorr, Julia C. R. Friar Anselmo and other poems. N. Y., C: Scribner's Sons, 1879. 7 + 178 p. D. cl., \$1.25.

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Drayson, A. W. Art of practical whist; ser. of letters descriptive of every part of the game, and the best method of becoming a skilful player. N. Y., G: Routledge & Sons, 1879. 8 + 215 p. D. cl., \$1.

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Duncan, T. C. How to feed children to prevent sickness. Chicago, Duncan Bros., 1879. 64 p. 16°. cl., 25 c.; pap., 10 c.

Eaton, Herbert N. An hour with the American Hebrew; incl. H: W. Beecher's sermon "Jew and Gentile;" B: F. Butler's speech before the Hebrew fair at Boston; remarks on the Hilton-Seligmann affair, and remarks on the late misunderstanding at Manhattan Beach. N. Y., Jesse Haney & Co., 1879. 96 p. sq. 12°. pap., 25 c.

Farrar, F. W. The life and work of St. Paul. N. Y., E. P. Dutton & Co., [1879]. 2 v. 22 + 678; 12 + 668 p. maps, O. cl., \$6.

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Garrett, Phin., ed. One hundred choice selections, no. 17; coll. of oratory, sentiment, eloquence, and humor, for public readings, winter gatherings, social entertainments, etc. Phil., P. Garrett & Co., 1879. 180 p. D. cl., 75 c.; pap., 30 c.

Gladstone, W.: Ewart. Gleanings of past years, 1843-79; v. 5 and 6: Ecclesiastical; v. 7: Miscellaneous. N. Y., C: Scribner's Sons, [1879]. 8 + 289; 8 + 244; 8 + 241 p. S. cl., ea., \$1.

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Gregg, R. R. Illustrated repertory of chest remedies. 3d ed. Chic., Duncan Bros., 1879. 8°., \$1.

Hollis, E. B. Laura's aspirations; or, the next thing. Phil., Am. S. S. Union, [1879]. 315 p. il. S. cl., \$1.25.

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STIFF PRICES IN THE TRADE.

THERE is no question before the trade of more present and practical importance than the problem of recovering that safe margin of profit, through the whole chain of publishers, jobbers, and retailers, which has been lost in the demoralization of hard times. In this is the key to business success. Large sales are worse than none at all if they are made at so small a margin and so great an expense as to show a balance on the debit side of the ledger at the year's end—yet there have been not a few people to do business on the principle of making 5 per cent profit on a book when it costs 10 per cent to sell it. "Good times" will not have come to stay until not only is the volume of business increased, as now, but a much more liberal margin of profit made than is now in most cases practicable.

The plain difficulty is that the one process of obtaining this sufficient margin is at once resisted by the buying trade, since its apparent effort is to reduce their profits. In a word, stiffer prices and closer discounts are the only way out, and these the jobbers and retailers don't like. We submit that their view is a mistaken one. The question is not what discount a dealer gets off, when he buys; but what margin he is able to keep on, when he sells. Here is the situation, in a nutshell. If the best discount on the ordinary bill is a third, and the jobber gets forty off, the latter makes more

money selling at a third than if he were getting fifty and ten and selling at fifty off. And if the retailer can get but twenty-five off and can hold retail prices, he too is much better off than if he were getting a third and selling at twenty off, or in like proportion.

The reply at once is that books cannot be jobbed or retailed at the prices named. That there are difficulties in the way is true. But these must be overcome, and they will be. A correspondent of the London *Bookseller* suggests that publishers should begin to discriminate, each within his own list, and by holding prices stiff and discounts close on certain of his books, teach the trade and the public that there are prices and prices, that big discounts mean only bigger prices to discount from, and that one book can be sold at a liberal discount and that another cannot. What it has practically come to in this country is that certain publishers are stiffening their whole lists—a process which must yet extend amongst the publishing trade at large. There are now two or three lists on which discounts are limited and prices are held without breaking, the retail prices having in some instances been, as should be the case, modified accordingly. The result of this stiffening has been decidedly favorable to the publishers, and we venture to say that such stock is more saleable and more safe than competitive lines on which discounts are large and prices fast and loose. We put the case to the experience of retailers.

There is one necessary feature of this policy which we have more than once spoken of—the necessity of graduating discounts, not according to indefinite distinctions between jobber and retailer, but upon the bill bought at a time or during the month. To sell a dealer one book at fifty off because he has bought other bills at this rate as a jobber is simply one-sided; no man is fool enough to advance his own capital in buying goods when he can at the same price replenish his stock one by one. The result is that the jobber has no inducement to contribute to the capital of the publisher, and put himself in a position to push sales, and presently the jobber himself is cheated of his margin when the publisher, discouraged by his small orders, goes back on the jobber and offers as good terms to the retail trade. The same is true as to extra discounts on "first orders," they should be given on first orders alone.

We commend these remarks both to the foresight of publishers and to the back-sight of jobbers and retailers, as they look over the past few years. We believe that a careful review of the situation will suggest that a general acquiescence in this course will be profitable to all.

THE TRADE SALE.

SECOND DAY (*Continued*).

THE sale of J. B. Lippincott & Co.'s invoice in the afternoon continued at steady prices. A large lot of their twelves, in new editions, covering a wide range of literature, sold at very nearly fifty per cent of the retail price. A thousand volumes of their American revised edition of Chambers' Encyclopædia, in cloth, were quickly disposed of at from \$1.45 per volume and less. The Worcester, unabridged, brought very nearly forty off. The octavo, academic, school and pocket editions, also brought stiff prices. A line of popular novels, comprising "Molly Bawn," "Phyllis," etc., went low. Allibone's works all went at good prices; so did Bulwer's novels and Chambers' publications. The *Foreign Classics for English Readers* fetched forty per cent off. "Lippincott's Dictionary of Biography" went at forty off, and a new edition of Prescott's works did not bring much less. Scott's "Commentary on the Bible" brought a trifle less than half of the retail price, and was run at ten cents better. But few of the books in this invoice were slaughtered. Thackeray's works went at favorable prices. The medical works and a line of Bibles, which finished the invoice, brought satisfactory prices.

James Miller's invoice, which concluded this day's sale, was disposed of in the evening at tolerably good prices, Mrs. E. B. Browning's poems taking the lead, some of the editions going beyond half of the retail prices. Strickland's "Queens of England," uniform with Harper's octavo histories, also fetched very nearly half off. The juveniles had a good run. Wm. Ware's "Zenobia," "Aurelian," and "Julian" brought better prices than was expected. A good many excellent books in this invoice, however, met with a worse fate than they deserved.

A. J. Holman & Co.'s invoice was reached too late for the night, and was sold on the next morning at good prices.

THIRD DAY.

Claxton, Remsen & Haffelfinger's invoice was next in order. Mr. Claxton, as usual, was on the stand. The invoice, which consisted principally of standard and scientific works, started off well, and throughout averaged fair prices. Gibbon's Rome brought half price, and Hume's England brought fifty-five per cent., while Johnson's Poets went for forty per cent., as did Macaulay's England. Madison's works brought little over twenty-five per cent of the retail price. A long list of juvenile books was sold at about forty-five per cent. The demand for the poets varied. Cowper and Thomson bringing a fifth, Burns and Moore a quarter, and Byron two fifths of the full price. Theodore Tilton's "The True Church" was slaughtered outright. Labberton's historical series did not do as well as they ought to have done, the Atlas being an exception. The law and medical works went below the mark. About this time "Joe" Foster made his appearance, and was cheered again and again. His presence, and above all, his bids, gave the sale a spurt. The *Avon* edition of Shakespeare went at close to half off. The scientific works, with few exceptions, went at stiff figures.

In the afternoon "Joe" took the stand.

After "speaking a piece" to the effect that "this was his first appearance on any stage for at least two years," he declared that he was ready to take bids for the first line in D. & J. Sadlier & Co.'s lot. But it was long a-coming, and when it did, it came low. In vain "Joe" appealed. There were comparatively few bidding, and nearly all the books went at low rates, in some cases almost below cost of manufacture. A large line of complete sets of the Irish novelists was quickly taken up at better than average prices. "Joe" thought that if those present would be "as slow on resurrection day none of them would ever get up."

FOURTH DAY.

At 9 o'clock, sharp, "Joe" mounted the rostrum and began the sale of G. P. Putnam's Sons' invoice to a large number of bidders. All were in good humor, and kept so by occasional bursts from the auctioneer, who, under cover of fun, administered many a severe lecture. The sale started off favorably, the new books going rapidly at a trifle below wholesale prices. Habberton's books were roughly handled, as well as other less popular lines of fiction. W. C. Bryant's "Thanatopsis" and "Flood of Years," fetched nearly half off. Washington Irving's works brought stiff prices. Their Atlases averaged over half of the retail prices, and their medical works went at the same rates.

W. J. Widdleton's lines of Poe, as usual, commanded their own figures, none of them going below half of their retail price.

After lunch the first list of importance was that of Fords, Howard & Hulbert, and was rapidly sold at fair prices, "The Fool's Errand," "Figs and Thistles," "Toinette," and "Brave Hearts," taking the lead with "Paganuc People," and "My Wife and I," close at their heels.

Graves, Locke & Co., Mr. Graves on the stand, offered an attractive line of juveniles, which met with a good sale, and were extensively duplicated.

J. E. Potter & Co.'s invoice came next, Mr. Potter, as usual, representing the firm. Their well-known lines averaged better prices than in the spring sale, though many were slaughtered. The Bibles offered by this house went at good prices—for the buyers.

J. H. Bufford's Sons' invoice was laid over until the following Thursday.

FIFTH DAY.

Sunday's rest told favorably on the large number present on this day. D. Appleton & Co.'s invoice, which took up the entire day and part of the evening, started fair—the lines going rapidly; but very little duplicating was done, and then only at tempting figures. Their later publications fetched a trifle less than wholesale prices, few falling to about half of the retail price, none of them below. The *Handy-Volume* series was extensively run at a trifle above half of their average retail price. The holiday books realized stiff prices; so did the *Collection of Foreign Authors*. Grace Aguilar's novels had a run at about forty per cent off. Cooper's novels in the different editions went at a little less than forty off. Darwin's works went better. The popular library edition of Dickens sold at beyond half price, the cheap popular edition going low. A number of the lines following were sacrificed, which is not at all surpris-

ing when the large number of popular books offered is considered; it was nothing more than a demonstration of the "survival of the fittest"—the weakest had to go to the wall. Then, too, the long invoices generally had the effect of tiring many bidders who, notwithstanding "Joe's" warning, left the sale to listen to the "syren voice of that organ below." The *Miniature Classical Library* sold at nearly half retail; Muhlbach's novels in cloth went above; the cheap edition of these and other popular novels went low. Christian Reid's and Miss Yonge's novels had a good run. Herbert Spencer's works went clear beyond half off, as did also a magnificent edition of the Waverley novels. A line of prayer-books, which closed the invoice, brought indifferent prices.

Virtue & Vorston's invoice had a fate similar to that of D. & J. Sadlier & Co's.

SIXTH DAY.

Before taking up the catalogue Messrs. Routledge & Sons offered 100 sets of Scott's Waverley novels, which went at about half of the retail price, 50 sets of "Golden Leaves from Celebrated Poets," which went at the same rate, and 50 sets each of Fielding's, Smollett's, and Bulwer's novels, which went a little lower.

After finishing this lot, a large number was present anxious for Roberts Brothers' invoice. The first line, *No-Name* series, was quickly taken at good prices. "Signor Monaldini's Niece" taking the lead. The nine lines following, comprising the works of W. R. Alger, H. H., Lewis Morris, John Weiss, Robert Lowell, Sarah Tytler, Dr. F. H. Hedge, Thomas G. Appleton, and Arthur Helps, all went at about half off. Jean Ingelow's works nearly all fetched forty off. E. E. Hale's, H. W. Preston's, and Joaquin Miller's works went below half price. J. H. Ingraham's and Wm. Morris's writings did better. Walter Besant's "Early French Poetry" and "French Humorists" went low, Hamerton's works going but a trifle better. The juveniles did splendidly, nearly all fetching forty off or a trifle less.

Scribner & Welford's invoice was next, starting off with their superb art works at good prices. Numerous calls for duplicates were refused. The new series of illustrated biographies of great artists fetched almost forty off. The *Chandos* went low. Four sets of elegantly-bound copies of the *Household* edition of Dickens sold at nearly half off. A good many books in this invoice went lower than they ought to have done, though, generally, we think the prices were better than in the spring.

After lunch Chas. Scribner's Sons' invoice was taken up. Mr. Dingman represented the house. "Joe" desired to inform the gathering that as "the republicans were in the ascendancy, and in consequence books were in demand, now would be the time to lay in these books which were issued by a house whose aim it was, not to make money, but to do good" (*applause*). "Cæsar" led off at nearly wholesale price and was run at ten cents less. "Roxy" and the new edition of the "Circuit Rider" were sold at clean forty off and run at the same figure. "The Life and Letters of Madame Bonaparte" met with the same fate. "Rudder Grange," "Old Creole Days," Dr. Hodge's "Conference Papers," "Falconberg," "Nicholas Minturn," Archbishop Trench's works, and a number of other lines following them,

went at forty off or a little less, and were extensively duplicated at the same figures. "Joe" was in high glee, now delivering a little speech, then shooting a bolt at some unlucky chaffer—keeping the gathering in a continual roar—but never for a moment forgetting to push the books to the highest possible figure. "That Lass o' Lowrie's," old as she is, went at forty off and was run extensively; so did the new series of Froude's "Short Studies" and Saxe Holm's stories. Their standard works in biography, comprising "Charles Kingsley's Memoirs," Dean Stanley's "Dr. Arnold," "Memoirs of Norman Macleod," Forsyth's "Cicero," and "Bismarck," went at stiff figures amid a perfect howl, which provoked a bidder to complain of not being heard on account of having weak lungs. "Joe" advised him to take something, and he did—he took leave for a short time. The *Bric-a-brac* series sold at less than half off. The "Speaker's Commentary," also Lange's, sold at good price and were duplicated heavily. The *Illustrated Library of Wonders* went low. Ik Marvel's and Dr. Holland's works averaged prices in the neighborhood of forty off, the more popular ones fully fetching that figure. The *Epochs of Modern History* sold well, 3 sets in Roxburgh style realizing over half off.

In the evening the sale continued lively, and bids in the main were as favorable as during the afternoon. Jules Verne's latest books sold at nearly half price, and Schliemann's "Mycenæ" and Cook's "House Beautiful" above that. "The Children's Holiday Books" and Mrs. Dodge's later books sold well. "Haworth's," Gladstone's "Gleanings of Past Years," and "Memoirs of S. S. Prentiss" went at nearly trade price. A line of school-books, offered last, brought good prices.

Scribner & Co.'s *St. Nicholas*, in volumes and in walnut cases, and "Baby Days" brought over half of the retail price.

SEVENTH DAY.

G. & C. Merriam's invoice of Webster's *Unabridged* sold at almost regular prices; the edition in sheep going at \$8.50, and being duplicated in lots of fifty at a few cents less. A large lot of the abridged editions offered by Ivison, Blakeman, Taylor & Co. went at close to wholesale prices.

A. C. Armstrong & Son's invoice was next, Mr. Armstrong himself meeting with a flattering reception. The majority of the books went at over half the retail price, in a few cases reaching almost trade prices. But few of their books went at bargains.

Lee & Shepard's invoice was then taken up, Mr. Shepard and Mr. Ellis representing the house. Oliver Optic's books were the chief attraction, and went rapidly, generally at pretty well toward half retail. Their other juveniles went at about the same figures. Baker's Speakers went at good prices. T. W. Higginson's, G. M. Towle's, and Sophie May's larger books went at nearly half price. The large number of miscellaneous books in this invoice went low, only the most popular ones getting above the level. Their new publications, "Mr. Phillips' Governess," "Tight Squeeze," "Tribulations of a Chinaman," "Young Joe," and "Magellan," brought above half the retail price. About three hundred sets of G. W. Carleton & Co.'s "Magic Mother Goose" series were sold with this invoice, and fetched half off.

**INTERNATIONAL COPYRIGHT AND
"MACMILLAN'S MAGAZINE."**

(From *The Academy*, Aug. 16th.)

NEW YORK, June 25, 1879.

THE rejoinder signed "C," appended to my article entitled "An American View of International Copyright," which appeared in the June number of *Macmillan*, and was noticed in the *Academy* of June 7th, turns principally upon a single word, in the use of which the writer thinks he has discovered a weak point in my argument. I used the word "pressing" to describe the present status of the question of international copyright between the United States and Great Britain, and "C" very adroitly assumes that the pressure is felt by American publishers only. His theory is that they are so thoroughly frightened by the recent appearance of cheap reprints of English books that, in order to secure themselves against ruinous competition, they are ready to give up "piracy," and to offer British authors a form of copyright that will enable them to retain control of foreign books in this market. He virtually accuses them of resorting to sharp practice in order to attain this end, and assumes that interested motives only are at the bottom of their offer of American copyright to British authors. Even if this were the case, the question of motives is not under discussion. The only subject for inquiry is this: Is the proposed scheme just, fair, and practical? But "C" is mistaken in every one of his assumptions, and seems to me to betray an ignorance of the history of the controversy, even of what has taken place in England, which is amazing in one who undertakes to write upon it.

If "C" had examined that history with even ordinary care, he would have seen that the pressure for international copyright, as well as the most earnest recognition of its importance, has been on the part of British authors and publishers. Take, for instance, the Report of the Royal Commission appointed under the authority of the Queen, in 1876, to make inquiry with regard to the laws and regulations relating to Home, Colonial, and International Copyright. So important was the last branch of the inquiry considered that nearly one third of the evidence taken before the Commission was directed to the relations of England and the United States with regard to authors and reprints. The minutes of evidence published by the Commission fairly bristle with references to the United States, often pointed with the usual sneers of "piracy," "purloined wares," etc.; and most of the witnesses, both authors and publishers, were not only in favor of an international copyright with this country, but exceedingly anxious for the accomplishment of such a measure. I will quote but a single instance. Mr. John Blackwood, the head of the well-known firm of Blackwood & Sons, Edinburgh, used this emphatic language: "I hold that international copyright with America would be the greatest boon to authors and to literature, both in England and in America, that could possibly be conferred, and every effort should be made to obtain it. All other questions are small in comparison with that. . . ." * This is forcible language to be used with reference to a matter in which, if "C" is right, Brit-

ish authors and publishers take no particular interest. If it was a matter of paramount importance in 1876, how, since nothing has occurred meanwhile to alter the situation in England, can it have shrunk into insignificance in 1879?

I could quote other witnesses to nearly the same effect if it were worth while to heap cumulative evidence upon "C's" head; but this is sufficient to prove the existence of a general British "pressure" for international copyright with this country, and I will now cite a recent instance of individual "pressure" from a British author, who was himself a member of the Royal Commission. As the letter was a private communication, the writer's name is withheld.

"—, October 11, 1878.

"MESSRS. HARPER & BROTHERS,

"Publishers, New York.

"GENTLEMEN: . . . You will have seen that I have taken a great interest in the copyright question. . . . I believe one of the great difficulties hitherto has been that our English publishers have endeavored to obtain inadmissible privileges in America. It is simply an author's question; and if you could get your government to pass a bill recognizing the author's right, and no other, of course the result would be that you would negotiate directly with the author, or that he, if he did not avail himself of the form of registration and publication within, say, twelve months, would lose his American right altogether. . . ."

The foregoing letter was received by Harper & Brothers about November 1st, 1878. The suggestions of the writer were carefully considered by them, and the result of their deliberations was embodied a few days later in a note to the Secretary of State, Mr. Evarts, in which they suggested the appointment of an International Conference to mature the terms of a copyright treaty between the United States and Great Britain. In that note they took occasion to recall the assurance given by them to Sir Edward Thornton in 1870 that there was no disinclination on the part of American publishers to pay British authors the same as they do American authors, and that American publishers simply wished to be assured that they should have the privilege of printing and publishing the books of British authors in this country. The writer's proposition, you will observe, does not consider the question of abstract rights; and the Harpers accordingly, in their letter to Mr. Evarts, admitted that the scheme involved a waiver of those rights, while it secured practical benefits to English authors.

I wish to make one point more. In the course of his reply "C" asserts that "any author who has made his mark in England may get from the American publisher who reprints his books such royalty as the latter may consent to allow him, and if these allowances are threatened, they have not as yet been so seriously endangered as to excite alarm." This must have been written without consultation with British authors, whose interests in this country are "seriously endangered" by unauthorized reprints that prevent their regular American publishers from paying as large sums as formerly for priority. There is no British author, I think, who finds his receipts from America diminishing who will not admit that

* Report of Copyright Commission: Minutes of Evidence, p. 40, paragraph 825.

the question is decidedly "pressing," although British publishers may view his embarrassment with beaming *nonchalance*.

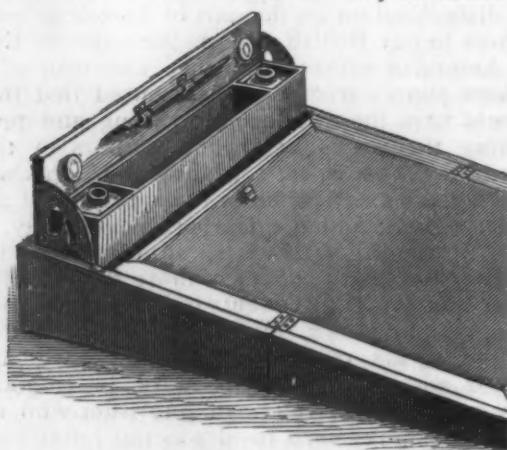
The case, therefore, stands just here: American publishers, at the "pressing" solicitation of British authors, proffer a practical scheme of international copyright, by which, as the Harpers said in a recent letter to the *London Times*, they propose to make obligatory and legally binding what has been for years heretofore a voluntary practice under our law of "trade courtesy." The scheme is hailed with acclamation by eminent British authors, who see in it nothing to which they object, or which they wish to change. But the British publisher, who for years has been crying out against "Yankee pirates," stands sullenly aloof, grumbling: "I don't see what I am going to make by this arrangement. If I can't put my fingers in this international copyright pie, I would rather things should be left as they are." This is the key-note of "C's" rejoinder. He does not claim that the American scheme would be unjust to British authors, while the whole drift of his reply is to the effect that any scheme must be absurd which does not include provisions for the benefit of British publishers.

In conclusion, allow me to say that "C" had no right whatever to assume that I wrote as the special exponent of the views of American publishers. By so doing he charges me with false pretences, as I expressly claimed to set forth the views held by a large proportion of American readers. But perhaps I ought to feel complimented, as a party to a controversy, that my opponent, instead of meeting my arguments and statements fairly, should resort to *persiflage*, and to assumptions unwarranted by anything in my article, or by the conditions of the controversy.

S. S. CONANT.

STATIONERY NOTES.

A NEW article, introduced by C. C. Shepherd, is the Patent Automatic Tray with self-closing Inkstands, for attachment to a lady's writing-desk. The desk to which the tray is attached



is made fourteen inches long, outside polished rosewood, with bevelled edges inlaid with tulip and other fancy woods, making an ornamental and useful article.

EDWARD TODD & Co., now located at 44 Union Square, this city, have lately secured a patent for a new fountain stylographic pen, which will soon be ready for distribution. They will also place on the market about the same time a stylographic dip pen, the cheap-

ness and durability of which will insure a large sale. We understand that this house has in hand the larger part of the order for gold pens from the Treasury Department, and all the orders for the House of Representatives.

LITERARY AND TRADE NOTES.

PROF. HUXLEY'S long expected "Introductory Primer" of the sciences is at last in the press, in the series published here by Messrs. Appleton.

THE publishers of *St. Nicholas*, it should be noted, announce a permanent enlargement of the magazine to be begun with the issue for November. Each regular number will contain at least sixteen more pages than heretofore.

D. APPLETON & Co. have found their presses overrun this season with orders for their new line of readers, which in their preparation and illustration have marked a long step ahead in the making of text-books.

DR. J. P. THOMPSON's anti-communistic little book on "The Workman" should be quoted at \$1 instead of \$1.50. The death of its author makes this the last of a long line of good pieces of work in favor of American principles.

WARREN F. DRAPER has in press a book by Rev. G. Frederick Wright, of Andover, entitled "The Logic of Christian Evidences," which is described as an attempt to readjust the perspective of the old-time evidences so as to meet the demands of modern discussions in science.

J. S. OGILVIE & Co. have just published the first number of the *Sunday Library*, a publication designed by them to take the same place in religious literature which the *Franklin Square Library* occupies in its field. The publication, which is neatly printed in quarto shape, starts off with "Nellie, the Clockmaker's Daughter," at 10 cents.

THE publishers have concentrated their working force so far on the manufacture of juveniles. The early making and delivery of most of them this year will give a freer chance for the early publication of Christmas books for the grown people, and the trade should take a hint and forward orders as early as practicable.

WE understand that Houghton, Osgood & Co., have found it impossible to keep up to their orders on the new cheap Waverleys and Dickens issued by them. Their *Globe* editions, in large type, giving two novels in a volume at \$1 each, are indeed wonderfully cheap, and in the present competition almost any one should own a library of these standards.

A NEW volume of selections from Thoreau's manuscripts, notes Mr. F. B. Sanborn, is in preparation, but may be withheld for a time to permit their publication in one of the magazines. There has been of late a quickened demand for Channing's "Life of Thoreau," which Roberts publishes, but there is also some talk of a new biography, for which there is much unused material.

ALEXANDER MOORE, Boston, has ready for immediate issue "Microscopic Organism in Cochituate Water," a little work of special interest to Boston people; "First Help in Accidents and in Sickness," a popular medical aid for home use before the doctor can be called; and "Gas Consumers' Guide," a practical work on the management and use of gas; he

also promises reissues this fall of all the books on his list, at reduced prices, re-edited and much improved.

HOUGHTON, OSGOOD & CO. will not publish Miss Phelps' new book "Sealed Orders" until about the middle of October. Their next lot will include the "Little Classics," which have had so great popularity, in an edition of eight volumes uniform in size and style with the "Riverside Classics," to be sold only in sets; Scott's "Tales of a Grandfather" in three volumes like the Illustrated Library Waverley; and Miss Larcom's very choice book, "Breadings of the Better Life," with additional selections, and in "Little Classic" style. The new "Bodley" book, "The Bodleys Afoot," will come very soon, and there seems to be no reason why it should not have quite as prosperous a run as the last year "Bodley" book. It will be abundantly and attractively illustrated, and its stories are by the same skilled hand which has made the previous "Bodley" books so acceptable to young and old.

ROBERTS BROTHERS are ready to receive orders (however liberal) for a fine October list, beginning with Miss Alcott's new book, "Jimmy's Cruise in the Pinafore," which forms the fifth volume of "Aunt Jo's Scrap-Bag," and which, being Miss Alcott's, will sell itself by thousands. Hardly less popular is Susan Coolidge, whose new story, "Eyebright," will be heartily welcomed in hosts of families. Young folks are to be congratulated on having so delightful books written for them by so charming authors. Other books in this list are "Canterbury Chimes," in which Francis Storr and Hawes Turner tell anew the Chaucer Tales for Children; "Moondyne," Mr. John Boyle O'Reilly's thrilling story of convict life, in a third edition, printed from new plates; Mr. Thomas G. Appleton's wise and witty tales and essays, which he calls "Chequer-Work"; "Blanid," a new, long story-poem by Dr. Joyce, who won so instant fame by his "Deir-drè"; Edwin Arnold's great poem, "The Light of Asia," in which the career and character and doctrines of Gautama, the founder of Buddhism, are related in poetry worthy of the noble theme; "The New Testament," forming the third and concluding volume of the very instructive work, "The Bible for Learners"; "Selections from Fenelon," a sterling little book of wise and religious thoughts, culled by the skilful editor of "Quiet Hours"; and a little hand-book on "Studying Art Abroad, and How to do it Cheaply," by May Alcott Nieriker, who writes from very full observation and experience.

GINN & HEATH have just ready Hudson's revised editions of "Macbeth," "King Lear," "Julius Caesar," "The Merchant of Venice," and "The Tempest," each in a book by itself, with an introduction which gives the history and analysis of the play, and with foot-notes that explain and comment whenever comment or explanation is necessary. The introductions and notes are the rich fruit of Hudson's long and peculiarly productive study of Shakespeare, and they render these expurgated plays specially desirable, not only for school use, for which they are intended, but also for families and private reading. Other books to be published soon by Ginn & Heath are Peirce's "Smaller Four-Place Tables" of lo-

garithmic and trigonometric functions; "Selections from the Greek Lyric Poets," with a historical introduction and explanatory notes by Prof. Henry M. Tyler, of Smith College; the first two books of "Paradise Lost," prepared for class use, and furnished with diagrams and notes by Homer B. Sprague, Master of the Girls' High School, Boston; and "Elementary Lessons in English," for school and home use, by Prof. W. D. Whitney and Mrs. N. L. Knox. It is intended to teach children to speak and write our language readily and accurately.

D. LOTHROP & CO.'s list of books just issued includes enough to set up a publisher in business; and more (not "worse") remain behind." This week brings "Breakfast for Two," which promises to be a good meal for thousands, by Joanna H. Mathews; "Child World Stories," by Laurie Loring; a little book on "Dogs," the first volume of a *Natural History Series*, by Ernest Ingersoll; a new edition of "Evenings with the Doctrines," a work by Dr. Nehemiah Adams, which has long been a kind of sacred classic in evangelical households; "Little Lucy's wonderful Globe," by Charlotte M. Yonge; "Once upon a Time," story plays with taking pictures, by E. E. Brown; "Water Wonders," and "Winged Wonders," full of pictures and information about birds and fishes, by Mrs. A. E. C. Anderson-Maskell. Next week will bring a holiday book containing Dr. S. F. Smith's national hymn, "America," furnished with illustrations, and with an illustrated sketch of the author; "Child Lore," containing "Classics of Babyland" and "More Classics," and still more classics, gathered by Mrs. Clara Doty Bates, all profusely illustrated; "Christmas Pie," illustrated by Miss Lathbury; "A Consecrated Life," being the biography of Rev. Edwin D. Kelley, a missionary to Burmah, written by his wife; "Don Quixote, Jr.," in which John Brownjohn relates additional adventures of Miltiades Peterkin Paul; a new edition of the hymn, "Jesus, Lover of my Soul," generously illustrated.

A PUBLISHING firm has been established at Cettinje, in Montenegro.

AN account of the life and writings of Buckle, edited by A. H. Huth, is in press by Sampson, Low & Co.

CASSELL, PETTER & GALPIN announce a new edition of "Old and New London," revised both as to text and illustration.

MESSRS. BLACKWOOD & SONS will publish early in October Dr. John Hill Burton's work on the reign of Queen Anne, in three volumes.

THE new edition of the *Encyclopaedia Britannica*, states the London Bookseller, has been entirely set up by two girls using Fraser's type-composing and distributing machines.

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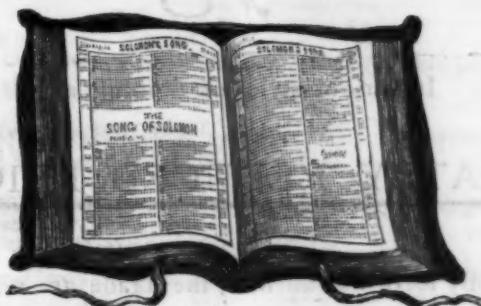
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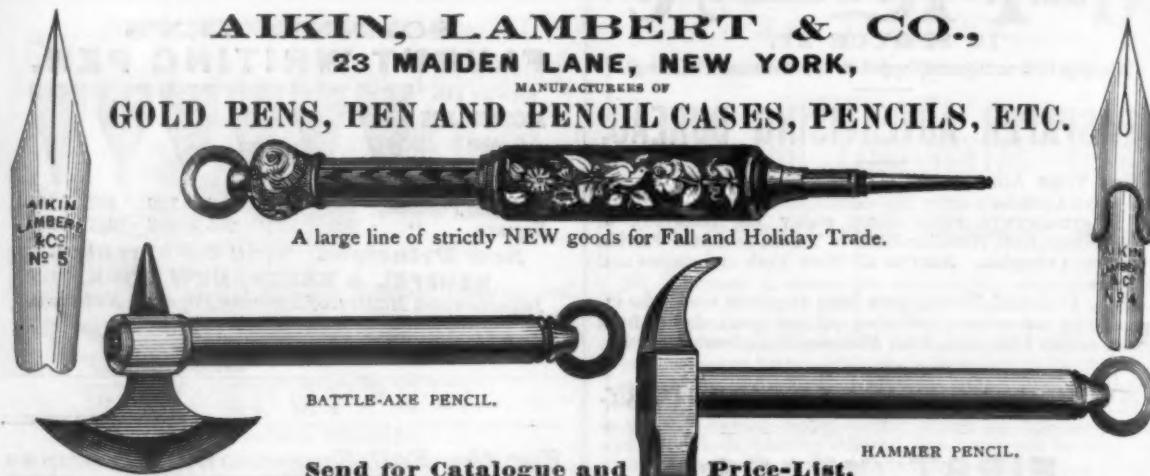
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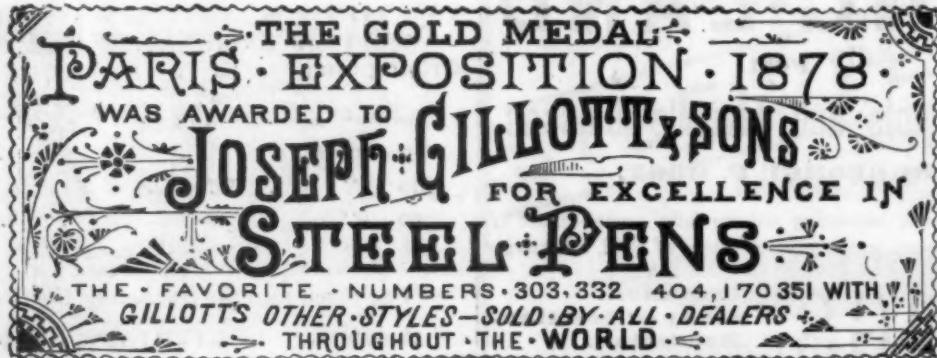
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